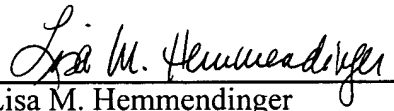


Remarks

The Final Office Action indicates that claims 2, 11, and 12 would be allowable if written in independent form. Page 10, first full paragraph. To advance prosecution, claim 1 has been canceled and its recitations incorporated into claims 2 and 11, which now are in independent form. These amendments comply with a requirement of form expressly set forth in the previous office action. As all remaining claims depend either from claim 2 or from claim 11, the remaining claims should also be allowable.

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